

March 24 1945
71 Crawford St.
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Mr Murry Watkins
Edgewater
Maryland

Dear Murry:

I received your letter, and was very glad to hear from you.

Now you asked for \$300.00 a month, and up to now you have always had a contract for 4½ months. I am enclosing you a contract for 5 months at \$250.00 plus \$20.00 a week while you are in camp. I would like you to be in camp to start work April 19th. We will leave Newark the 8th.

In addition to this contract, if I have a good year and you have a good one, I will give you at least \$100.00 at the close of the season, and maybe more. In this way you will get more than you are asking for, but you will be gambling with me.

I cannot understand why the ballplayers seem to think the baseball salaries should be so much bigger than previous years. They seem to have forgotten the years we had to go to the bank to pay salaries.

I hope you will sign the contract and return it right away, as we must go to camp the 8th. We will train in Richmond and stay at Virginia Union University, as before. If you go to camp at the start, and get in condition you should have a better year. Hoping to hear from you right away.

Very Truly Yours